

leneschall and syr fergus. And so by the aduyle of them all syr Trystram was bannysshed out of the coultre of Cornewayle for ten yere / & therupon he toke his othe vppon a booke before the kyng & his barons / and so he was made to departe out of the coultre of Cornewayle / & there were many barons brought hym vnto his shyp / of the whiche some were his frendes and some his foos. And in the meane whyle there came a knyght of kyng Arthurs his name was Dynadan / & his comynge was to seke after syr Trystram / thenne they shewed hym where he was armed at all poyntes goynge to the shyp. Now fayre knyght sayd syr Dynadan or ye passe this court & ye wyll Iustt with me I requyre the / With a good wyl sayd syr Trystram & these lordes wyll gyue me leue. Soo the barons graunted therto / & so they ranne togyder / & there syr Trystram gaf syr Dynadan a falle. And thenne he prayed syr Trystram to gyue hym leue to go in his sclaushyp. Ye shall be ryght welcome sayd syr Trystram & soo they toke theyr horsles and rode to theyr shyppes togyder. And whan syr Trystram was in the see he sayd. Grette well kyng Marke & all myn encuyres / and save them I wyll come agayne whan I may. And well am I rewarded for the syghetyng with syr Harhaus / & deliuered all this coultre from seruage / & well am I rewarded for the fetchyng and colles of quene Floude out of Yrlonde / & the daunger that I was in tyll & laste / and by the waye comynge home what daunger I had to bynng agayne quene Floude from the castell pluiere / and well am

I rewarded whan I fought with syr Bleoberys for syr Segwarpydes wyf / & well am I rewarded whan I fought with syr Blamor de ganys for kyng Anguys the fader vnto la beale Floude and well am I rewarded whan I smote down the good knyght syr Lamerok de galys at kyng Markes request / & well am I rewarded whan I fought with the kyng w the hondred knyghtes and the kyng of Northgalys / and bothe these wolde haue put his londe in seruage / & by me they were put to a rebuke / and well am I rewarded for the sleynge of Tauleas the myghty gyaūt / and many other dedes haue I done for hym / & now haue I my wasrylon. And telle kyng Marke that many noble knyghtes of the fable roude haue spared the barons of this coultre for my sake. Also am I not well rewarded whan I fought with the good knyght syr Palompydes and rescowed quene Floude from hym. And at that tyme kyng Marke layd afore all his barons I tholde haue ben better rewarded / & forth withall he toke the see.

How a damoyzell sought helpe to helpe syr Laūcelot aynst .xxx. knyghtes / & how syr Trystram fought with them. ca. xxij.

And at the next londynge faste by the see there mette with syr Trystram & with syr Dynadan syr Ector de marys and syr Boirs de ganys / and there syr Ector Iustted with syr Dynadan / and he smote hym and his hors down. And thenne syr Trystram wolde haue Iustted w syr Boirs and syr Boirs sayd that he wolde not

The ix. booke.

Juste with noo Compylthe knyghtes/
for they are not called men of worthyp
and all this was done vpon a byrde.
e with this came syr Bleoberys e syr
Dyaunt/and syr Bleoberys profred
to Juste with syr Trystram / e there
syr Trystram smote down syr Bleo/
berys. Thenne sayd syr Boirs de gas
nys . I wylt neuer Compylthe knyght
of so grete valoure nor so valpaut as
that knyght that bereth the trappours
enbroudered with crownes. And thenne
syr Trystram e syr Dynaday depar/
ted fro them in to a forest/ e there met
them a damopfel that came for the lo
ue of syr Laūcelot to seke after some
noble knyghtes of kyng Arthurs cour
te for to rescoue syr Laūcelot / and so
there was ordeyned for syr Laūcelot
by the treason of queene Morgay le fay
to haue slayne syr Laūcelot/ e for that
cause she ordeyned .xxx. knyghtes to
lye in a wayte for syr Laūcelot/ e this
damopfell knewe this treason . And
for this cause the damopfell came to
seke noble knyghtes to helpe syr Laū/
celot/for that nyght or the daye after
syr Laūcelot sholde come where these
.xxx. knyghtes were . And so this da/
mopfel mette with syr Boirs syr Bleo
berys syr Ector e syr Dyaunt / and
there she tolde them all foure of the
treason of Morgay le fay/and thenne
she prompled her that they wolde be
nyghe where syr Laūcelot sholde mete
with the .xxx. knyghtes / and yf so be
that they sette vpon hym we wyl doo
rescoues as we can. So the damopfell
departed/and by aduenture the damop
fell mette with syr Trystram e with
syr Dynaday / e there the damopfell
tolde them all the treason that was or

deyned for syr Laūcelot. fayre damop
fell sayd syr Trystram bynge me to
þ same place where they sholde mete
with syr Laūcelot. Thenne sayd syr
Dynaday what wyl ye do/ hit is not
for vs to fyght with .xxx. knyghtes/ e
wete you well I wyl not therof/ as to
matche one knyght or two or thre is
ynough and they be men . But for to
matche .xv. knyghtes that wyl I ne/
uer vndertake. fyr for shame sayd syr
Trystram do but your parte Nay sayd
syr Dynaday I wyl not therof/ but yf
ye wyl lene me your shelde/ for ye bere
a shelde of Cornewayle/ e for the co/
wardyle that is named to the knygh/
tes of Cornewayle ye be euer forborne
Nay sayd syr Trystram I wyl not de
parte from my shelde for her sake that
gaf it me . But one chyng sayd syr
Trystram I promple the syr Dyna/
day/ but yf thou wylt promple me to
abyde with me / here I shall see the.
for I desyre noo more of the but an/
swere one knyght/ e yf thy herte wyl
not serue the stande by and loke vpon
me e them. Syr sayd syr Dynaday I
promple you to loke vpon e doo what
I may to saue my selfe / but I wolde
that I hadde not mette with you . So
thenne anone these .xxx. knyghtes cas
me faste by these foure knyghtes/ and
they were ware of them / e cyther of
other. And so these .xxx. knyghtes lete
for this cause þ they wolde not wrathe
them yf cause be þ they had ado with
syr Laūcelot/ e the foure knyghtes les/
te them passe to this entent that they
wolde see e beholde what they wolde
do with syr Laūcelot/ and so the .xxx.
knyghtes past on/ e came by syr Try/
stram e by syr Dynaday/ and thenne

The ix. booke.

l^{yr} Trystram cryed on hygge. loo here is a knyght agaynst you for the loue of l^{yr} Launcelot / & there he slewe two with one spere and .x. with his swerde And thenne came in l^{yr} Dynadan & he dyde passynge well / & so of the .xxx. knyghtes there wente but .x. awaye & they fledde . All this batayll sawe l^{yr} Boors de ganys & his thre felowes and thenne they sawe well hit was the last me knyght that Justed with them at the byrdege / thenne they toke theyr horses & rode vnto l^{yr} Trystram & prayled hym and thanked hym of his good dedes / & they al despyred l^{yr} Trystram to go with them to theyr lodgynge / & he layd nay he wolde not go to no lodgynge. Thenne they all foure knyghtes prayed hym to telle them his name fayne lordes layd l^{yr} Trystram / as at this tyme I wyl not telle you my name.

Chow l^{yr} Trystram & l^{yr} Dynadan came to a lodgynge where they muste Juste with two knyghtes. ca. xxiiij.

Whenne l^{yr} Trystram and l^{yr} Dynadan rode forth on theyr waye tyll they came to the shepherdes & to the herde men / and there they asked them yf they knewe any lodgynge or herberowe there nyghe honde. for sothe l^{ys} sayd the herde men / here by is good lodgynge in a castel / but there is luche a custome that there shall no knyght be herberowed but yf he Juste with two knyghtes / and yf ye be but one knyght he must Juste with two / & as ye be therin soone shall ye be matched. Soo there is shrewde herberowe layd l^{yr} Dynadan / lodge where yf ye

wyll for I wyl not lodge there. fye for shame sayd l^{yr} Trystram are ye not a knyght of the table rounde / wherefore ye may not with your worshyp refuse your lodgynge. Not so sayd the herde men / for & ye be beten and haue the wais ye shall not be lodged there / & yf ye bete them ye shall be well herberowed. A sayd l^{yr} Dynadan they are two sure knyghtes / thenne l^{yr} Dynadan wolde not lodge there in no manere / but as l^{yr} Trystram requyred hym of his knyghthode / & so they rode thyder / and to make shorte tale l^{yr} Trystram & l^{yr} Dynadan smote hem down both / and so they entred in to the castell & hadde good there as well as they coude thynke or deuple / & whan they were vnarmed and thought to be mery & in good reste / there came in at the pates l^{yr} Palomides & l^{yr} Gaherys requyrynge to haue the custome of the castell. What arraye is this sayd l^{yr} Dynadan. I wolde haue my rest / That may not be sayd l^{yr} Trystram now must we nedes defende the custome of this castell / in loo moche as we haue the better of the lordes of this castel / & therfore sayd l^{yr} Trystram nedes must ye make you redy. In the deupls name sayd l^{yr} Dynadan came I in to your company / & loo they made them redy. And l^{yr} Gaherys encountred with l^{yr} Trystram / & l^{yr} Gaherys had a falle / & l^{yr} Palomides coustred with l^{yr} Dynadan & l^{yr} Dynadan had a falle / theñe was hit falle for falle. Soo thenne must they fyght on foot / that wolde not l^{yr} Dynadan for he was so sore byyled of the falle yf l^{yr} Palomides gaf hym. Thenne l^{yr} Trystram unlaced l^{yr} Dynadans hel

me & prayed hym to helpe hym. I wyl
not sayd syr Dynadan / for I am loze
wouided of the .xxx. knyghtes that we
had but late agoo to do withall. But
ye fare sayd syr Dynadan vnto syr
Trystram as a madde man and as a
man that is out of his mynde & wol-
de caste hymself awaye / & I may cur-
se the tyme that euer I sawe you. for
in all the worlde are not suche two
knyghtes that bry soo wood as is syr
Lauclot & ye syr Trystram / for ones
I selle in the felaulhpy of syr Lauces-
lot as I haue done now with you & he
sette me a werke that a quarter of a
yere I kepte my bedde. Ihesu defende
me sayd syr Dynadan from suche two
knyghtes / & specially from your fe-
laulhpy. Thenne sayd syr Trystram
I wyl fyght with them both. And so
syr Trystram hadde them come forth
both / for I wyl fyght with you. And
thenne syr Palomides & syr Gaherys
dressed them & smote at them both / &
thenne syr Dynadan smote at syr Ga-
herys a stroke or two / & turned from
hym. Nay sayd syr Palomides it is to
moche shame for vs two knyghtes to
fyght with one / and thenne he dyde
bydde syr Gaherys stande a syde wth
that knyght & hath no lyst to fyght.
And thenne they rode togyder & fought
longe / and at the laste syr Trystram
doubled his strokes & drofe syr Palo-
mides a backe more than thre thyddes
And thenne by one assente syr Gaher-
ys and syr Dynadan wente betwixt
them & departed them in sonder. And
thenne by assente of syr Trystram
they wolde haue lodged togyder. But
syr Dynadan wolde not lodge in that
castell / & thenne he cursed the tyme that

euer he came in theyr felaulhpy / & soo
he toke his hors & his harnays and de-
parted / thenne syr Trystram prayed
the lordes of that castell to lene hym a
man to brynge hym to a lodgyng / &
so they dyde & ouertoke syr Dynadan
and rode to theyr lodgyng two myle
thens with a good man in a pryory &
there they were well at ease. And that
same nyght syr Boys & syr Bleobes-
rys & syr Ector and syr Dyaunt abos-
de stalle in the same place there as syr
Trystram fought wth the .xxx. knygh-
tes / & there they mette with syr Lau-
celot the same nyght / and had made
promysc to lodge with syr Colgrecuañ
at the same nyght.

How syr Trystram Justed with syr
Braz & syr Sagramor le desyrus and
how syr Gawayne tornd syr Try-
stram fro Morga le fay. ca. xxv.

But anone as the noble knyght
syr Lauclot herde of the shels
de of Cornewayle thenne wylt he wel
that hit was was syr Trystram that
fought with his enemyes / & thenne syr
Lauclot prayled syr Trystram and
called hym the man of moost worshyp
in the worlde. So thre was a knyght
in that pryory that hyght Pellynore / &
he desyred to wete & name of syr Try-
stram but in no wyse he coude not / &
thenne syr Trystram departed & lefte
syr Dynadan in the pryory / for he
was soo wery and soo byrled that he
myght not ryde. And then this knyzt
syr Pellynore sayd to syr Dynadan /
sythen that ye wyl not telle me that
knyghtes name / thenne wyl I ryde
after hym and make hym to telle me

